Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) The Member is referred to the answer to sub-division (b) of question No. 258.

(2) Copies of petitions from Mr. E. Krishna Menon and others, dated 8th Edavam 1106 and Mr. Valia Parambil Kypari Bappu and others, dated 22nd Mithunam 1106 are placed on the table (*Appendix XIX*).

(3) A copy of the Village Panchayat Registrar's report dated 26th June 1931, C. 4682/1106, is placed on the table. (*Appendix XX*).

Regarding Health Certificates by Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

260. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—With reference to the answer given by the Government to the supplementary question in connection with question No. 118 during the last session of the Legislative Council, in regarding the granting of Health Certificates by Sub-Assistant Surgeons, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Sub-Assistant Surgeons of Trippunittura, Vadakkancheri and Mattancheri were not issuing Health Certificates during the years 1092 and 1093 M. E.;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table, the counter-foils of Health Certificates issued from those three institutions during the aforesaid years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) As per correction slip to Article 11 of the Financial Code, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer was competent to depute any subordinate not below the rank of an Apothecary to grant the certificate. As the department then had two types of officers with a common name Sub-Assistant Surgeon, the first grade men who were mostly graduates and Apothecaries from the Medical College were allowed this privilege whereas men with lower qualification of L. M. P. who were styled second grade men were not as a rule granted this privilege The privilege did not refer to men by virtue of their being in any special station. But it so happened that during that period these three stations mentioned above had first grade Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

(b) The counter-foils from Trippunittura and Vadakkancheri are not available at this distance of time, whereas the counter-foils of Health Certificates issued from Mattancheri are placed on the Council Table. It will be seen from a few counter-foils during the year 1093 that second grade Sub-Assistant Surgeon Mr. George Joseph continued to issue the certificates as his predecessor first grade Sub-Assistant Surgeon D'Mello was doing.

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Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know, Sir, whether the counter-foils referred to are in existence now?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No. They are all usually destroyed.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Have you ascertained whether they are in existence to-day?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have ascertained.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—You have seen them destroyed?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I know they are destroyed. I have not seen them being destroyed.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Are we in a position to know who were the Sub-Assistant Surgeons who were issuing health certificates?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have to make a statement in this connection. There is a misunderstanding in connection with the name Sub-Assistant Surgeon in this Council. There was a time when Graduates of the Madras University and Hospital Apothecaries were all Sub-Assistant Surgeons. These men were given the privilege of issuing health certificates, as they were first grade Sub-Assistant Surgeons. The second grade, viz., the Hospital Assistants and L. M. Ps. were not given this privilege. It is with a misconception of the meaning of the word Sub-Assistant Surgeon that the question is put.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know, sir, whether Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Second grade, who were not graduates of the University, were not issuing health certificates in our State? You answered during the Budget Session that they were not issuing; but when I pointed out certain particular place like Mattancheri etc., your answer was that one second grade Sub-Assistant Surgeon was issuing certificates. I want to know whether Sub-Assistant Surgeons of the Second Grade were issuing certificates during that period.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No. From the records it is seen that there was an exception in the case of Mattancheri where he was following his predecessor's example.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Who were the Sub-Assistant Surgeons in Trippunithura and Vadakkancheri during that period? Have you ascertained whether they were in the First Grade or the Second Grade?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—During that period Dr. Ambi Ayyar was in charge in Trippunithura and Mr. Peter in Vadakkancheri.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—For what period they were there?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Until very recently Dr. Ambi Ayyar was in Trippunithura till he was transferred to Nemmara.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The period fron 1088 to 1094 who were the Doctors in Vadakkancheri and Trippunithura?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Educational Survey.

261. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how far their new Education Survey has progressed;

(b) whether they have found that separate schools for girls are not in keeping with the spirit of the times or with consideration of sound economy in an era of all round paucity of funds;

(c) whether they are aware that the unemployed hands caused by the working of the suggestion above can be given work in any other national wealth producing development departments;

(d) what objections they entertain for abolishing the feminine schools;

(e) whether they are aware that Turkey has said the last word about Purdah, Seclusion and many of the other hydra-headed fanaticisms;

(f) whether they are aware that an abnormal fear of silly public opinion on the part of the ruling machinery has been one of the causes for the creation of a strong and independent dictatorship?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The survey of Cranganur is complete. That of Mukundapuram and Trichur Taluks will be complete by the end of January or the beginning of February. The survey of Kanayannur, Cochin and Talappalli Taluks is being carried out by Divisional Inspectors and it will be complete by the end of February. The survey of Chittur will be undertaken only in February.

(b) It is not expedient to venture any definite conclusion until statistics are available for the whole State.

(c) Not the bulk of them.

(d) There are some objections of a general nature the most important of which are (1) social usages and tradition (2) the inadvisability of crowding together in the same institution of pupils of both sexes.

(e) No.

(f) No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c.) Sir, I want to know whether things are not working properly in Russia?

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